

Listing of the Claims:

The listing of claims below, wherein underlining indicates additions and strikethrough or double bracketing indicates deletions, will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A method for accessing a message in a conditional access system, the method comprising:

receiving authorization information with a first conditional access receiver;
generating a first authorization for use of a separately received content object by a plurality of set top receivers;
performing a first determination to test if a first set top receiver is authorized to access the separately received content object;
receiving authorization information with a second conditional access receiver;
performing a second determination to test if a second set top receiver is authorized to access the separately received content object;
blocking access to the separately received content object by the first set top receiver as a function of determining if the first set top receiver is authorized; and
blocking access to the separately received content object by the second set top receiver as a function of determining if the second set top receiver is authorized.

10. (Previously presented) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein blocking access to the separately received content object comprises ignoring a portion of a datastream associated with the separately received content object.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises a software program.

13-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises [[a]] video content.

28. (Currently amended) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises [[an]] audio content.

29. (Previously presented) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises firmware.